At the Court at Whitehall, (57.)

June the Sixth, 1673.

Preſent

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York
Lord Chancellour
Lord Treaſurer
Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Lauderdale
Duke of Ormond
Earl of Ogle
Lord Chamberlain
Earl of Bridgwater
Earle of Bathe
Earle of Carliſle
Earl of Craven
Earl of Arlington
Earl of Carbery
Viſcount Halifax
Lord Maynard
Lord Newport
Lord Berkeley
Lord Holles
Mr Secretary Coventry
Mr Chancellour of the Exchequer
Mr Chancellour of the Dutchy
Maſter of the Ordnance
Sir Thomas Osborne

Mr Speaker.

Whereas by the late Addreſs of both Houſes of Parliament, His Majeſty was humbly deſired by His own Example to Encourage the conſtant wearing of the Manufactures of His own Kingdoms and Dominions, and to diſcountenance ſuch perſons, Men or Women in His Majeſties Court, as ſhould wear any Manufactures made in Forreign Countreys; And that purſuant hereunto His Majeſty had Graciouſly Declared, That he would not onely do it by His own Example, but would diſcountenance all other perſons that ſhould wear Forreign Manufactures; And that his Majeſty had given Order to the Lord Treaſurer, to Direct the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, to cauſe all Goods of Forreign Manufacture Prohibited by Law, to be Seized, at what Port, or on whoſe Account ſoever they ſhall be Imported into this Kingdom, and that his Lordſhip ſhall grant no Warrant for the Releaſe of them. And whereas upon the Petition of the Silk Weavers of London, Preſented to His Majeſty in Council, ſetting forth, That they have attained to great Skill in Contriving and Making of Silks and Stuffs, Figured and Plain, and that if due Encouragement were given to them, and to ſeveral other Manual Trades, by Prohibiting the Importation of Forreign Manufactures, they ſhould increaſe and flouriſh. His Majeſty was pleaſed to Declare, and accordingly then gave Order to the Maſter of his Robes, That he ſhould not Prepare for His Majeſties Uſe in His Wearing Apparel, any kind of Silks or Stuffs Wrought out of His own Dominions, nor any Ribons, Gloves, Hatts, or other things for His Wearing, which were Manufactured beyond the Seas, unleſs as hereafter Excepted. And likewiſe that the Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſties Houſhold ſhould take Care, and give due Order, That no perſon or perſons ſhould preſume to come into His Majeſties preſence, wearing any of the things aforeſaid, being of Forreign Manufacture, nor any other whatever, unleſs as followeth; Namely, The Lace commonly called Point de Venice, which may be worn by any until the Firſt day of May next (and no longer) as alſo Linen, and Callicoes, and ſuch other wearing things as by Our own Trade are Imported from the East Indies.

To the end therefore that theſe His Majeſties Commands and Orders may be Publickly taken notice of, and the more exactly obeyed, It is this day further Ordered by His Majeſty in Council, That the Right Honourable the Lord Treaſurer do Renew his Orders to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, That they direct the Seizure and Confiſcation of all manner of Forreign Wearing Manufactures that are Prohibited by Law; And to cauſe His Majeſties part thereof to be Publickly Burnt; That ſo the Petitioners, His Majeſties Subjects, may find all due Encouragement and Advantage in the Proſecution of their ſeveral Trades and Callings; And this Order is to be Printed and Affixed in all the Ports and Cuſtom-houſes of England.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

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